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U.S. ATTORNEY AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ANNOUNCE AREA LAUNCH OF *PROJECT CHILDSAFE*

At a press conference this afternoon, United States Attorney Jane J. Boyle was joined by Bill Hill, Dallas County District Attorney; Dr. Mike Moses, Superintendent of the Dallas Independent School District; Guadalupe Gonzalez, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation - Dallas; Randy P. Ely, United States Marshal for the Northern District of Texas; Greg Gant, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives - Dallas; Deputy Police Chief Floyd Simpson of the Dallas Police Department; Sergeant Gilbert Banda of the Fort Worth Police Department; Vicki Hallman, Regional Director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; Roxann Pais, Chief Community Prosecutor for the City of Dallas; and Millie DeAnda, Executive Director of the Greater Dallas Crime Commission; to announce the area launch of *Project ChildSafe*.

Project ChildSafe is distributing 20 million free firearm safety kits that include cable-style gun locking devices to police departments and sheriff offices throughout the country. This nationwide program to help ensure safe and responsible firearm ownership and storage, is a component of the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative to reduce gunrelated crime and violence in America. It was created by the National Shooting Sports Foundation and funded by grant from the Department of Justice.

The national spokesperson for *Project ChildSafe*, Dee Dee Dockins, said that Texas will receive nearly 1.2 million of those safety kits/locks and that they are being distributed to 512 locations across Texas. Locally, the safety kits have been distributed to the Dallas and Tarrant County Police Departments, the Dallas and Tarrant County Sheriff's Offices, and numerous other local police departments and sheriff's offices.

More information on where to get a free safety kit and gun lock can be located on the *Project ChildSafe* website, www.projectchildsafe.org.